

using that that is already appropriated, instead of dumping it back into the general fund, sending it to a worthwhile project. According to section 5 of this amended version that you see in your....

PRESIDENT: You have one minute, Senator.

SENATOR MILLS: Okay, that the Game and Parks, they would have to come and, Senator Cope, I want you as a member, and, Senator Rumery, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, and, Senator Marsh, they would have to come to the Appropriations Committee. I want you to take note of it. Be aware that they are coming in here, it is a multi year project and it could, of course, be cancelled through statutory. It could be cancelled, Senator Cope, and I think that it is important that you know that. There are a number of things and I guess my minute is up and I would like to finish the rest of it in a short time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, if you will look at the cigarette tax information passed out to us by Senator Mills, you will discover that we are talking about known obligations against the Nebraska cigarette tax fund, and in fiscal year, '78, which is marked on here as '77-'78, it says eight million dollars but it is only fair to draw to your attention that we expect to be \$500,000 in the hole on this fund this year which means those dollars must come from general fund to be made up because they have been appropriated and committed. When you are looking at fiscal year, '78-'79, it says eleven million dollars but we expect to be at least three million dollars in the hole in fiscal year '79. So when you are talking about earmarking funds, remember that we may be taking those funds from general fund and not, in actuality, having them come from the cigarette tax fund.

SENATOR SAVAGE PRESIDING

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Mills. There are no more lights, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MILLS: No.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Labedz has got her light on. The Chair recognizes Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I stand and rise in approval of Senator Mills amendment. The proposal in 1977 known as NORDA will possibly with this new amendment take a much longer time to initiate but the development, operation and maintenance has gathered dust for twenty years. If the plans are ever to become a reality, we must approve the amendment now to LB 109. As a member of the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee, I had the opportunity to tour some of the lakes and I must confess I am one of the guilty ones that I have never before gone to any of these places that we visited. I was just amazed at the beauty and the size of the lakes and the opportunities that families have to travel to parts of Nebraska, and I can also say I